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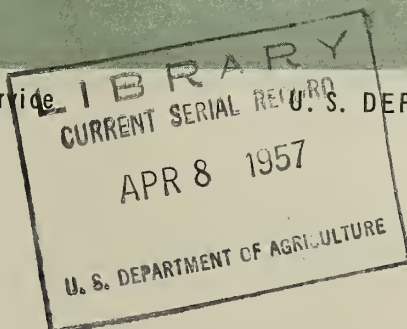
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Dear Coworkers:

You might call it field testing 4-H on a world-wide scale. It's a process of adjusting and adapting the educational principles and practices of 40 years of Extension experience with rural youth. The coaches who give counsel and encouragement are former associates of ours who have given up their homes and security here in the United States for the privilege of larger service. They live each day the exemplification of the Heart H.

We refer to a couple dozen former 4-H leaders who are now serving as youth advisors with country missions of the International Cooperation Administration overseas. We saw some of them in action in the Far East recently. They asked to be remembered to all their friends back home. You would be thrilled, as we are, at the progress toward peace and stability which they are helping to instigate. You would rejoice also over the recently improved attitude toward America and toward democratic ways in Far East countries.

Americans in attendance at the Far East Asia Rural Youth Conference at Bangkok, Thailand, February 11-22, included: A. J. Brundage, (Connecticut), Republic of China; G. A. Lineweaver (Iowa), Republic of Philippines; Wes Smith (New York) Vietnam; James L. Easom and Louis Fontenot, Jr. (Louisiana), Cambodia; Lawrence McGary (Tennessee), Indonesia; Joseph H. Boyd (Ohio) and Col. Charles Anderson (Nebraska), Korea; Charles Sanders (Michigan), Laos; Donald C. Carter (Iowa) and Ray "Scotty" Camerson (Montana), Thailand.

We were delighted that Mr. and Mrs. John B. Clark (Coats & Clark, Inc.) stopped off for a day during their round-the-world trip. There is a growing interest in clothing work for girls in the Far East.

Warren Schmidt and I had a wonderful experience during the two-week workshop-type conference. The need is so great. The enthusiastic response is so gratifying. The problems are so challenging. Yet the opportunity is unlimited. The Four-Leaf Clover is growing and thriving now in over 50 countries. There are many variants, shapes and sizes. Adjustment and adaptability must be the by-words to progress. Empathy and imagination are the keys that unlock the talents and energies of rural youth, their leaders and their parents. But a genuine desire to implement the Golden Rule is the quality which spurs these "Latter Day Samaritans" when the going is really slow and tough. We salute their efforts and pay tribute to the torch they are holding high in a weary world.

4-H REPORT TO THE NATION

President Eisenhower very graciously received the 4-H Report-to-the-Nation, made by the six 4-H members and the two local leaders. So did Secretary of Agriculture Benson who, after meeting with the group, accompanied them to the White House. There was also the usual fine response at the Congressional luncheon held for Senators and Representatives of the States from which the delegates came.

A luncheon in New York City for Friends-of-4-H was a first-time event. Approximately 100 people, representing 55 companies, were in attendance. Assistant Secretary Ervin L. Peterson and Mr. Ferguson participated in the luncheon program in New York.

For the first time, two local leaders accompanied the six young people to Washington and New York. We can all be proud of them and of the performance of the 4-H delegates. Their stories of achievement and leadership did credit to the fine work which the Extension folks and volunteer leaders have been doing throughout the years.

You will be interested to know that the gifts to the President included two hand-tooled leather bridles (one for a horse and one for a pony) for the Eisenhower farm. The Report-to-the-Nation included pictures of the young people with their local leaders and the tribute to leaders written by Mrs. Bonnie Hill of Colorado.

Plans for 4-H Week were made jointly by the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work and the 4-H Division of FES. The FES Information Staff assisted with publicity activities.

Remember, we shall appreciate hearing about some of the things that have been done in the various States. We would especially like to know of things you did to honor local leaders, since leader recognition was a new feature.

"LEADS FOR LEADERS"

With this issue may we introduce a new service to you? All of us are dedicated to the training of county extension agents and local 4-H leaders. Finally and only through their efforts will 4-H Club work be done well. Our efforts, therefore, must look to their concern, their knowledge and their abilities. With your help, we hope "Leads for Leaders" will become a useful aid.

NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

The triennial conference of Northeastern Extension Directors and State 4-H Club Leaders was held in New York City recently. The family life specialists attended some of the sessions. Central theme of the State Leaders' Conference was "Various Aspects of Program Projection." In joint sessions, the Directors and State Leaders considered: Policy and procedures in urban club work, interstate preparation of literature, and the implementation of the People-to-People program.

NATIONAL 4-H FELLOWSHIPS

Nominations are coming in slowly for the National 4-H Fellowships. March 1, 1957, was announced last fall as the deadline for receipt by the Division of Extension Research and Training, FES, of applications for the six 1957 fellowships. May 1 has been the deadline in previous years. Apparently the new date was not made clear.

Please get in your nominations as soon as possible for this wonderful opportunity.

4-H CLUB WORK WITH INDIANS

We are anxious to team up effectively with Shawnee Brown and Mary Kennington in working out ways to strengthen our 4-H work with Indian boys and girls. However, we are handicapped in not knowing the number of Indians now served by 4-H. We need your help! There is no way to get this information but to ask that you supply it.

✓ A Will you please use the enclosed sheet to give us the figures
Reply for your State and to share your good ideas. Give actual
Please! figures if you have them. Otherwise, give your best
estimate.

We anticipate a meeting with Mr. Brown and Miss Kennington at an early date so would appreciate your reply as soon as convenient and possible for you to get the information.

WASHINGTON STATE DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING TEAM TO ENGLAND

The State of Washington has received and accepted the invitation from the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs (England) for their national champion dairy cattle judging team to compete in the International Judging Contest at the Royal Show in England. You will recall that the Washington team placed first in the national judging contest at the Dairy Cattle Congress at Waterloo last fall. Many friends of 4-H are joining hands to help provide the necessary funds to make the trip possible for this fine 4-H Club judging team. Special orientation is being arranged for the team and coaches to insure that they will represent the United States as friendly "good will ambassadors" as well as trained dairy technicians.

SALK VACCINE AVAILABLE FOR ALL UNDER 40

A Nation-wide campaign is being launched this spring to urge everyone below the age of 40 to be vaccinated against paralytic polio. Too few teenagers and adults under 40 have been vaccinated. Salk vaccine protects against paralytic polio but evidence shows that it does not prevent the existence of virus in the community. "Your neighbor's vaccination does not protect you," according to Dr. Salk.

Anything which you can do to interest 4-H teenagers and young adults, is strongly urged. A letter from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc., concerning the program is being sent to the States.

SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM CAN AID 4-H CLUB CAMPS

4-H Club Camps are eligible to receive reimbursement for additional milk consumed at 4-H Club camps in accordance with provisions of Public Law 752 (84th Congress). This is explained in circular, PA 248, "The Special Milk Program." If you need additional copies for distribution within your State, they may be secured from the Agricultural Marketing Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C. The agency responsible for the administration of the program in the various States is listed on an attached mimeograph.

4-H AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY

By this time you will have received the "Unit A" and the "Leaders Guide" materials. Our staff is enthusiastic about this material and the initial effort to test it in pilot counties.

While Unit A is being tested, Unit B is in preparation. No doubt, you know that members of the Automotive Workshop Committee are already putting their efforts into developing materials. Eight different workers in as many States are preparing various phases of it, and the editorial committee will soon begin the task of putting it together in unified form in anticipation of another meeting of the total committee.

Each of your States has an important role in the development of this program material for older members. Your experience with the project and your combined evaluation of it will be the basis for future progress in this important area.

EXTENSION RESEARCH

A new attempt at disseminating Extension research is being started by the Federal Extension Service. Abstracts will be made of a selection of valid studies. Those of concern to youth workers will be reviewed by a member of our 4-H Division. These will be sent to State 4-H and YMW staffs.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO GIRL SCOUTS

March 10-16 was Girl Scout Week and the Scouts' 45th birthday anniversary. Congratulations to this very fine character-building organization for girls. "Girl Scouting Is A Family Affair," was the theme. "Men Are Welcome Members of the Girl Scout Family" also received major emphasis during the week.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS CELEBRATE 47TH BIRTHDAY WEEK

March 17-24, the 480,000 Camp Fire girls observed the 47th anniversary of the founding of their Nationwide youth organization. Emphasized during the week was a salute to the volunteer leaders who make the program possible. Our greetings for a successful week.

FATHERS' DAY JUNE 16

What a wonderful opportunity for 4-H Club members to strengthen the bonds of understanding with their Dads. Why not encourage a "4-H Club chat with Dad" to discuss members hopes and plans with their fathers on Fathers' Day.

1957 FARM-CITY WEEK, NOVEMBER 22 to 28

The third annual Farm-City Week will be held November 22 through Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1957. Kiwanis coordinated the observance in 1955 and 1956. It will be asked by the national committee to coordinate this year's observance.

The rallying cry for this year's observance will be the same as the one that proved effective last year: "Farm and City - Partners in Progress." You'll recall that the first two observances of Farm-City Week had strong official backing by USDA., the Congress, and the White House. The President issued an official proclamation, at the request of the Congress, at the beginning of each observance.

We have noted frequent references to cooperative effort by 4-H Clubs related to Farm-City Week. We shall be looking forward to hearing from you on plans for the observance this year in your State as they develop.

4-H CONFERENCE AT SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL WORKERS' ASSOCIATION

The board of directors of the Association was very complimentary to the first 4-H Conference held in connection with the Association meeting. This Association meets annually. Extension specialists, land-grant college research and faculty representatives are members as well as agricultural representatives of commercial concerns. Eight Southern State 4-H staffs had representatives at the Conference. The Conference provides professional training for 4-H workers and gives an opportunity of bringing Club work before college, research and commercial representatives.

SOUTHERN 4-H LEADERS TO MEET APRIL 29-MAY 4

"Our Charter for the Future" is the theme for the conference on program building and increased tenure to be held at Rock Eagle, Georgia. Two leaders from each State and Puerto Rico are expected to attend.

REGIONAL 4-H TRACTOR MEETINGS

Very fine response is being received to the proposed schedule for a series of three tractor conferences for State 4-H Club Leaders and Extension Agricultural Engineers. The tentative plans are:

<u>Places</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>States Involved</u>
St. Louis, Mo.	May 21-22	Ill., Kans., Ky., Mo., and Okla.
Grand Rapids, Mich.	May 28-29	Ind., Mich., Ohio, and Wis.
Huron, S. Dak.	June 4-5	Colo., Iowa, Minn., Mont., Nebr., N. Dak., S. Dak., Wyo.

INTER-ORGANIZATION MEETING FOCUSES ON "THE FAMILY FARM"

The Inter-Organization Committee on Programs for Rural Youth composed of staff representatives from the Farm Bureau, Farmers Union, National Grange, American Institute of Cooperation, Vocational Agriculture Education, and Federal Extension Service held its annual two-day seminar in Washington, D. C., February 7 and 8. The discussion was centered around "The Family Farm" - What it is, Its Relation to Placement in Agricultural Occupations; Its Future and Its Educational Implications. Many outstanding people were on the program from all segments of agriculture. A copy of the report of the meeting can be obtained by writing to John Banning in our Division.

RYUSA - October 2-6

RYUSA planning meeting was held at Marietta College. All officers and advisory committee members were present. Foundation was laid for another outstanding conference at Jackson's Mill, West Virginia, October 2-6. The theme will be "Whither Rural America?" with four sub-headings: (1) Farming is a business; (2) The forward look in education; (3) Across community line fences; (4) Our neighbors in other lands. Final arrangements will be made when the committee meets in Chicago, April 26 and 27.

TWELFTH NATIONAL HOME DEMONSTRATION WEEK - April 28 to May 4

We know you will want to give full cooperation to the plans being developed in your State for observance of National Home Demonstration Week. With our last letter, as an enclosure, was the announcement from C. M. Ferguson giving objectives for this week. "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World" will continue as the dynamic theme.

"EXTENSION'S WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE"

Our combined report, prepared this year by Tena Bishop for the Division, went to you with the last letter. A copy of this report was presented to President Eisenhower and Secretary Benson during 4-H Club week. We sincerely congratulate all of you on the progress which has added up to this fine report.

Copies are available only in limited supply. Sorry we cannot respond to requests for quantity distribution.

4-H COLUMN ON ECUADOR'S 4-F CLUBS

Since you will be reading the enclosures - some of which relate to 4-H in other lands - it is appropriate to call your attention to the April issue of SEVENTEEN magazine. This special "We Go to South America" issue promotes friendship between the young people of the two continents and contains fashion, features, fiction, and food stories that both interpret South American culture and customs and lend themselves to study project material.

In this "good 'neighbor" issue, the regular "4-H in Action" column by former 4-H'er Ada May Marshall Fearon and now in its 13th month, is written up and illustrated in true South American style. It starts out, "An American 4-H'er would feel right at home in South America where, under many different names, organizations like our own 4-H are very active. Our 4-H'er might have some difficulty in pronouncing the Spanish names of the South American groups, but he would have no problems in recognizing their aims and projects."

Ada May concludes with, "The organizations have been praised for establishing better understanding between countries, furthering fellowship among the youth of South America, and meeting the needs of their members in improving home, family and community living." Half a dozen interesting photographs, completing the 4-H page, show a few projects of the fast-growing 4-F Clubs in Ecuador. Just thought you'd like to know.

WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

A big event for YMW folks in the Central West is the Western Regional Conference. "Challenging Wayward Winds" is the theme. It will be held in Wahpeton, N. Dak., May 31 to June 2. The program promises to be one of the best YMW workers have ever had and they have had some good ones. For more information write to Pauline Reynolds, Extension Agent for Rural Young People, State College Station, Fargo, N. Dak.

FARM BUREAU YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Young men and women from 20 States attended the Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Training School at Jackson's Mill, WesVa., February 24-27. Each State group was limited to seven members of the State Farm Bureau Youth Committee or similar group. The program was somewhat unique in that there were only three speakers at the entire conference and even they used group discussions in their presentation. The formal part of the program was made up of special classes and discussion groups. Richard Nelson, the new American Farm Bureau Youth Activities Director, is to be congratulated for a job well done. John Banning represented our Division.

GRANGE YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE

Mylo Downey was our representative at the Grange Youth Conference held in Kansas City in February. He reports that 19 States had delegates present, with several delegates from Maine and from as far West as Colorado. Mylo reports he was proud to note that many of those attending were current or former, 4-H Club members and a number of the adults were 4-H Club leaders. Wib Justi, in charge of the event, Ed. Holter and others who participated deserve congratulations for a job well done.

FORMER 4-H MEMBERS, STUDYING FOR EXTENSION, RECEIVE PFIZER AWARDS

The following students have received 1956 scholarships under the awards program set up by Chas. Pfizer Co., Inc., to promote extension work as a career: Patricia Henson, Connecticut; Ray Brown, Georgia; Jane Tye, Georgia; Loretta Nagel, Illinois; Verna Madill, Iowa; Lois Adams, Kansas; Roy Gibson, Kentucky; Randall Barnett, Kentucky; Evelyn Gray, Minnesota; Keith Boyer, Missouri; Alyce Ann Sides, Nebraska; Paul Johnston, Nebraska; Gary Eugene Ricketts, Ohio; Mary Meier, Oregon; Joanne Masteller, South Dakota; Ann McMaster, Tennessee; Lyman Gene Winchester, Utah; Keith E. George, Washington; Charles Sommers, Wisconsin; and Barbara Bower, Washington.

In spite of short notice on this first year's program, 62 persons were nominated. These young people are bright potentials--all of them--for extension personnel in the years ahead.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

Knowledge, skill and good showmanship helped a 4-H girl to get top rating in the National cherry pie contest. Mary Ann Bartholomay, Henrietta, New York, won top honors in this invitational event sponsored by the National Red Cherry Institute and held annually just before Washington's birthday.

FOLLOW-UP ON WOODROW WILSON CENTENNIAL

We are being asked for a report on observances by 4-H Clubs of the Woodrow Wilson Centennial last year. This information will be used in compiling a report to Congress. We would appreciate hearing from you if you know of any such activity.

SHARING THE GOOD IDEAS BEING USED IN THE STATES

AGENT AND LEADER TRAINING -- Here are samples of some of the many things being done.

ALABAMA - Training in human relations

Under Ann Barr's leadership, 27 home demonstration agents, a district agent and the family life specialist held a workshop conference with Glenn Dildine on understanding ourselves and the people with whom we are working. This grew from the interest which some of the Alabama agents had as a result of attending different human development workshops.

FLORIDA - Programs Projection

At the annual Extension Agents' Conference in Gainesville, the 4-H staff had the opportunity to have a half-day feature on "Program Projection in 4-H Club Work."

INDIANA - Junior Leader Training Conferences

Thirteen district training conferences are scheduled in the period from March 12 through April 4. Three different teams of staff members work simultaneously on the schedules. The Indiana Farm Bureau cooperates with Purdue University in sponsoring the series.

KANSAS - State 4-H Leaders Conference

April 16-18 will bring from 300 to 500 local leaders to the 22nd annual Leaders' Conference, to be held at Hutchinson. "Faculty" will include the State 4-H staff, home economics and agricultural subject-matter specialists, and the associate extension editor.

MICHIGAN - State Training Event

"An old, long-cherished idea coming to reality" is the way the Michigan staff described the first annual 4-H Leaders' meet. It was a get-together of local 4-H Club leaders from every county in Michigan, planned to provide opportunity for exchange of ideas, discussions on techniques, and to give inspiration.

NEBRASKA - Judging Training for Local Leaders

Fourteen judging training meetings for 4-H Club leaders are being held around the State during March. The meetings are planned to help leaders plan and use judging in their club meetings. Importance of judging as a teaching tool is stressed as well as judging procedures and methods. Practice judging is being offered in the following fields: home living, foods, clothing, animal husbandry, and dairy.

NEW MEXICO - District 4-H Leaders' Short Courses

A recent series of meetings for leaders featured attention on objectives of 4-H Club work, progress of work in the State, organization of program schedules, and exchange of methods.

NORTH DAKOTA - Recreation Training

4-H Club leaders, and some older members, will be trained in leading group recreation at four training meetings. Recreation for club-size groups and also camp-type programs will be stressed under the direction of Kenneth Olson.

TENNESSEE - Series of 10 Meetings

The State 4-H staff and the district Extension agents have finished a series of ten area agent meetings on reviewing the 4-H program and making projections for the year to come. Trends were studied and future plans developed.

UTAH - Leader Training School

The 38th annual State 4-H Club Leaders' School was held on the campus at Utah State Agricultural College in late February. The school combined training in general procedures of 4-H and in project methods, as well as fellowship and inspiration. A popular feature was six "how to" workshops on such topics as getting parent and community support, using awards effectively, and helping members keep records.

WASHINGTON - Workshops for Agents

Two workshops in April, each of two days' length, will help agents to get in tune with current 4-H emphasis. At least one agent from every county attends.

URBAN 4-H CLUB WORK

MICHIGAN - OHIO - ILLINOIS - WISCONSIN

A February 1 meeting focused on urban 4-H Club work where State 4-H staff members and selected agents shared their experiences. Problems were indicated, then worked on in smaller groups.

NEW YORK - Committee on Urban 4-H

Much of the ground work for program development in New York State is done by their committees of county club agents. It is interesting to note that a new committee has been established to give major consideration to urban 4-H Club work.

4-H BEFORE THE PUBLIC

ARKANSAS - Delegates to be selected by youth

For the first time in Arkansas and possibly in the Nation, 4-H Club members themselves have selected delegates to represent them this year at the National 4-H Conference in Washington. Each county nominated a boy and girl. A State-screening committee selected the top 20 applicants. Then delegates attending the Arkansas 4-H Club Convention chose the two boys and two girls to attend the National 4-H Conference after they had been in action during the convention program.

GEORGIA - 4-H TV Program

"The 4-H Hour" on TV, originating in Atlanta, is creating a lot of interest in 4-H Club work over that southernmost area.

MAINE - Congressman Recognizes 4-H Week

For the past several years, Congressman McIntire has arranged to have several tapes made to be used in Maine during the 4-H week. K. C. Lovejoy supplies him with State data and Mr. McIntire adds personal touches. Federal 4-H staff members cooperate in making the tapes.

MISSISSIPPI - The State 4-H Foundation Plans Endowment

The State 4-H Foundation plans a \$100,000 endowment within the next three years. These plans were approved by the organization's membership in January.

NORTH CAROLINA - Suggestions for Club Week

Helpful suggestive ideas were supplied agents and leaders on National 4-H Week. The publication was titled, "Ideas for National 4-H Club Week."

CITIZENSHIP:

MARYLAND - Opportunity to Share

Club members had an important part in a program that resulted in getting 20 Holstein calves donated by Maryland breeders to be shipped to British Guiana for 4-H Club members in that country. A strong 4-H program is being developed in British Guiana under the co-leadership of Stanley B. Sutton, a former Maryland extension agent.

MARYLAND - Annual 4-H Club Citizenship Tour

More than 300 Maryland 4-H Club members observed National 4-H Club Week through participating in the annual Citizenship Tour. The members visited Fort McHenry, the site where our National Anthem was written, and other historic shrines. The day's program was climaxed by a special citizenship ceremony where new 4-H voters were presented a parchment of the Bill of Rights and a 4-H citizenship pin.

VERMONT - New project - Farm and Home Assistant

Vermont's newest project aims to help 4-H'ers share in farm and home tasks and to give recognition for doing them well. The Farm and Home Assistant Project brings together the entire family to decide what responsibilities the boys and girls should assume. The 4-H member takes on the project for three months. During this time he tries to learn more efficient ways of doing his particular job. Special guides have been compiled to suggest new methods. ~~Girls~~ learn the easy way to clean, wash dishes and make beds. Livestock, poultry, and lawn and garden care are also included.

WE ARE PLEASED TO SHARE WITH YOU:

"Resident Camp Standards" - American Camping Association

Each State should be familiar with the standards accepted by the American Camping Association. The enclosed leaflet contains much good information to guide your programs. The enclosed file copy is a revision of the earlier report. If you desire a quantity supply, order direct from the Association at a nominal cost.

"The Experimental Discussion Project for Rural Young Adults"

The National 4-H Club Foundation has supplied us with the enclosed report of the project, done in cooperation with the Fund for Adult Education. This is the project of which W. W. "Andy" Eure was coordinator. Many of you shared in its development and have a firsthand evaluation. We thought, however, you would be interested in the combined report and find it useful in your work with youth. Additional copies may be obtained by writing to the National 4-H Club Foundation.

"Summary of Rural Youth Activities in Countries Where United States is Cooperating"

We have eagerly awaited this summary of replies from 42 countries about their rural youth work. With it are copies of two airgrams and a summary of informal discussions on international rural youth programs. You will note the questionnaire was prepared by the Office of Food and Agriculture, International Cooperation Administration, with the help of the Federal Extension Service, the National 4-H Club Foundation, and the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work.

High points from the questionnaire are that agricultural and home economics project work comparable to that in the U. S. has been started in varying degrees in about 40 countries with which ICA is now cooperating. Greatest headway has been made in the Far East and Latin America. Chief limiting factors in further expansion are lack of adequate extension organization or lack of trained volunteer leadership.

"International Rural Youth Programs"

Last October, some informal discussions were held by representatives of U. S. Government and private agencies to consider help in the development of agricultural and home economics work for boys and girls in countries with which ICA is cooperating. This summary, although bulky, was of such interest to our staff that we felt you too would like to have it.

"Effective YMCA Conferencing" (One copy per State)

This Check List Guide to Effective Conferencing has been secured from the Program Services Department of the National Board of the YMCA. It focuses on considerations and acts which must be recognized and performed. It is probably trite to say that effective conferences don't just happen--they are planned. The principles and procedures suggested in this bulletin bring together much good experience. We felt you would be interested in this and find it useful in your work.

"4-H Leaders"

Earlier, you received a copy of this tribute to 4-H leaders, written by Mrs. Dave Hill of Weld County, Colorado. The enclosed copy is a duplicate of the one included in the report to the President and to the Secretary of Agriculture, although those copies were on sheepskin.

"Crusade for Freedom"

With the last Ideas letter, we sent you an up-to-date list of "Opportunities to Share." This was done at the suggestion of the Subcommittee. One of the opportunities listed was "Crusade for Freedom." Norm Mindrum has given us the enclosed leaflet about the program for distribution to you. You will recall that Norm had a first-hand opportunity to observe this program in 1954 and that a 4-H member, Jack Good of Virginia, participated in a similar manner in 1956.

"Correction on Opportunities to Share"

We regret an error in listing the sponsorship of the "Seeds for Democracy" program. It is administered by "Seeds for Democracy," 21 Drumm Street, San Francisco, Calif., successor to the Committee for Free Asia. Please change your copies of "Opportunities to Share".

LITERATURE AND OTHER PROGRAM TOOLS

ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTIONAL BULLETINS:

"Working with Young Adults in Groups" - (New England Pilot Project for Work with Young Men and Women). One copy of this bulletin was sent to each State with the information that additional copies could be obtained for 18 cents each from the Extension Service in Massachusetts. This bulletin is well deserving of your study.

"4-H and You!" - For First Year 4-H Club Members" (Georgia) - An envelope-size promotional leaflet introducing 4-H Club work to new and prospective members. Rhonwyn Lowry is the author.

"Guideposts for the 4-H Leader" (Washington) - Another of those envelope-sized leaflets, this time for the local leader. Tells: How 4-H is organized, your role as a leader, where you can get help. It's attractive, compact, and loaded with good information.

"I'm Mr. IFYE!" (Kansas) - A folded leaflet telling how IFYE promotes understanding and with special reference to explaining the operation of the program in Kansas. Many fine pictures add to the message.

"Colorado 4-H Club Secretary's Record Book" (Colorado) - Has suggested constitution, program planning suggestions, space for recording minutes of the meetings, and for an accounting of Club funds.

"Minute-Roll and Record Book for Utah 4-H Clubs" - A similar publication tailored to Utah's needs. The final page, an annual report of the Club, is perforated so it can be mailed to the county extension agent.

CLUB LEADER GUIDES:

"The 4-H Leaders' Record Book" (Indiana) - A new booklet with forms in it to help the leader keep a record of club membership projects, activities, adults who help, etc. It also has the leader's official report forms.

"4-H Field Crop Leader's Guide" (Montana) - A mimeographed guide designed to assist leaders in the organization and conduct of their 4-H field crops program. Has a section on where leaders can get help.

Wisconsin has project leader guides for about 15 different projects. If interested, please write to the State.

PROJECT BULLETINS

"4-H Electrical Program" - Second Year Electricity B Units (Wyoming) - Cal Dodge has prepared the second phase of the electrical project. This is one of the most attractive and easy-to-read mimeographed bulletins we have seen. The content is good. Drawings are amazingly good for a mimeograph.

"4-H Swine Club Manual" (Nebraska) - A revised 4-H Swine Club manual, prepared by K. C. Fouts, Extension Animal Husbandman. We especially like Mr. Foutz' good philosophy toward the relative importance of boys and girls, livestock and competition.

"Livestock Range - Its Nature and Use" - Part IV Grazing Program (Montana) - K. G. Parker, Extension Range Specialist, has again done an outstanding job in developing another unit in the series designed to help young people appreciate and know the important range plants and the management of the range. Content and illustrations are well done. (We can see why many adults in Montana ask for copies of the 4-H grazing materials!)

"Marketing of Grain" (Oklahoma) - This manual for 4-H Club members and leaders is going to add much emphasis in the grain marketing program. Author - Delmar G. Nelson.

"Essential Points for Judging" (Arizona) Here is a "how-to" device developed in Arizona by Al Lane, Livestock Specialist, and aimed to help the 4-H Clubs use judging as a meaningful teaching tool. It outlines the essentials to look for in judging both breeding and fat cattle, lambs and hogs, and also helps members know how to begin to look for differences.

"Home Living Project," "Color and Room Arrangement," "Your Portfolio" (Oregon) - New materials developed by Myrtle Carter, with the cooperation of Rosalie Warrick, as tools in a project where new emphasis is being placed. The current plan is based on enrollment by girls or boys age 12 or older; later project materials will be developed for the under-12 group. The main project bulletin, "Color and Room Arrangement" has a colorful and attractive cover and is well illustrated throughout.. Large size and punched for notebook.

"The Home I Live In" (4-H Home Furnishing I), "Color and Design in Your Home" (4-H Home Furnishings II), and "Helping Make My Home Attractive" (For the older Member) Wisconsin) - Interesting new bulletins with progressive challenges for young members and on up to the teenagers. Additional literature is planned for older members. Bulletins are 8½ x 11 inches and punched for 4-H notebooks. Gertrude Hoffmann and Alice Iverson, home furnishings specialists, are the authors.

"Your Room, Pep It Up" - "Your Furnishings, Make Them Comfortable and Attractive" (Virginia). These two units are planned to interest boys as well as girls in making room improvements at home. Both bulletins are easily read, attractive, and well illustrated. Ruth Jamison, Home Furnishings Specialist, author.

"School Clothes" (West Virginia). A handbook for girls. Includes grooming, care of clothes, selection and construction ideas. Ruth E. Knoch, Clothing Specialist, author.

"What's Your T.Q. in Dress?" (North Carolina). Information is to help boys and girls gain knowledge on certain basic rules of design. It is prepared in the form of a quiz with illustrations in color. Reasons for the correct answers are included.

"Pack and Snack" (age 10-12); "What's Cooking" (age 11-15); "Chat 'n Chew" (12 and older) (West Virginia). All three bulletins are the large size, cover pages are on stiff yellow paper, attractively illustrated. Type is offset and very easily read. Illustrations have eye appeal and fit the text. Bulletins include space for the member to record work accomplished as they do it, with a summary record at the end.

"4-H'ers Wise - Sanitize" (West Virginia) - The 1957 health program handbook. An earlier letter told of their plans for health activity.

"Horses and Riding for 4-H Clubs" (Montana) - A new project in Montana, being tested on a pilot basis with limited enrollment. The bulletin includes how to select a horse, plus how to feed, how to care for, and how to train.

BULLETINS PROVIDED BY FRIENDS-OF-4-H:

"Dress Revue Handbook" - The Simplicity Pattern Company is issuing a 4-H Dress Revue Handbook in observance of its 10th year of sponsorship. It will replace the summer issue of Modern Miss which usually features the National 4-H Dress Revue. We had an opportunity to review it before printing. It includes such features as choice of dress revue outfits, grooming, accessories, modeling, and related subjects.

"Home Improvement - A Guide for Leaders" - This handbook for leaders of home improvement projects is to be reprinted soon. We welcome your suggestions for any minor changes which will help to make the publication more useful to leaders.



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Please send your comments by May 1 to Tena Bishop.

NEW FILMS:

New York - Carlton Edwards, 4-H Club Agricultural Engineer, has developed and distributed to county 4-H Club agents a comprehensive list of movie films keyed to the job in Units A, B, and D of the 4-H tractor program. This is a great service toward the advancement of the tractor training program and much appreciated by club agents and leaders.

West Virginia - The poultry specialist has prepared a series of slides with appropriate script transcribed on tape. This was made available to the counties and proved a popular teaching device at 4-H Club meetings. Pictures of some outstanding 4-H projects in the States are included in the series.

"I'm No Fool with Fire" - new Walt Disney film, shows Jiminy Cricket in the role of master of ceremonies and teacher. You will remember Jiminy Cricket as Pinocchio's conscience. The film was produced in the hope that it would help children to understand the dangers of fire and thereby save lives and property. The film is 16 mm. sound, in technicolor. It is available on free loan from the Bureau of Communication, Research, Inc., 13 E. 37th Street, New York 16, N. Y.

Two sound movies are being developed for the National Junior Vegetable Growers' Association as a cooperative assistance of the National Canners Association. The first movie, in black and white, (untitled at present) is designed to help procure interest in NJVGA. The other, a color movie entitled, "The Story of John Porter" is designed to help interest older 4-H Club members and high school students in entering college and studying horticulture. A premiere showing of the second movie is anticipated for Washington about May.

4-H EXHIBIT KIT

From Joe Tonkin, and direct from this office, you have had announcement of the second of the 4-H Exhibit kits, available on a purchase basis. This second one features "Improving Family and Community Living."

As you know, we are testing out whether this kind of help with 4-H exhibits is a needed and appropriate service from here. Three hundred and seventy of the first kits went to States and counties throughout the country. We are keeping "ear to the ground" to learn your reactions as well as the use that is made of the kits. Joe Tonkin and Don Schild of the Division of Information Programs have been most cooperative in planning with us about the kits and in following through on production arrangements.

NEWS OF OUR COWORKERS

Several new State staff appointments:

Sarah I. Harmon, an outstanding agent in West Virginia, goes to Arizona as assistant State Club Leader. Sarah was formerly President of the National Association of County 4-H Club Agents.

Louisiana welcomes Betty Sue Rockett as assistant State 4-H leader, replacing Claudine Sonnier who has recently resigned to become a full-time homemaker. Miss Rockett was associate home agent in Caldwell County.

Nancy McGrew joined the staff in Mississippi as assistant State 4-H leader. She was HDA in Clarke County and was at one time a national 4-H poultry winner and also a State leadership winner.

Roy D. Cassell becomes Maryland's assistant State 4-H Club agent, filling the position formerly held by Merle Howes. Mr. Cassell was Associate County Agricultural agent in Frederick County.

George Russell is reporting to Virginia as assistant State 4-H Club leader. Formerly he was assistant agent in Culpepper County, Va.

M. Arlene Wolfram joined the Illinois staff on February 1 with the title of Extension Specialist, Home Economics 4-H Club Work. She was formerly a county worker.

Gerald E. Parsons moved from a county job to the Iowa State staff on March 1. He will be Assistant State Boys' 4-H Club Leader.

Albert F. Graham is new on the State 4-H staff in Missouri. His title is State 4-H Club Agent.

Jerry Lineweaver, formerly of the Iowa staff, has now arrived in the Philippines where he will work with the 4-H Club program as Rural Youth Advisor, following Harper S. "Major" Johnson who is now in Iran.

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In error, we reported the resignation of Harold B. Sweet of New York State. He is very much on the job. A shift in records caused the information to be so reported to us. Sorry, Harold!

Glenwood L. Creech, formerly of Kentucky, has been named to work full time at the National Agricultural Extension Center for Advanced Study at Wisconsin where he will serve as chairman of workshops and conferences. Glen is well known to 4-H workers and should be a strong addition to the staff of Dr. "Bob" Clarke.

Congratulations to L. R. Harrill of North Carolina who has recently been chosen as a delegate to Rotary International at Bern, Switzerland, May 18-23.

FES is pleased to have Richard E. Burleson join the staff as Extension Dairyman. He comes to us from Texas where he was formerly a vocational teacher, a county agent, and Extension Dairyman for 10 years. Dairying is a major 4-H project where his leadership will be important.

Ed Parminter, formerly assistant county agent in charge of club work in Milwaukee County, has been named Executive Secretary of the Wisconsin 4-H Club Foundation, Inc. His principal responsibility will be contacting individuals and business organizations in the interest of the Foundation.

Elaine E. Massey, District Home Demonstration Agent in Mississippi, retired last month. For many years, Miss Massey served as State 4-H Girls' Club Agent and also made many contributions to national assignments. In 1946, she was a member of the special group who considered post-war 4-H Club programs and whose planning resulted in the adoption of the ten 4-H Guideposts.

Seven of our State coworkers were in Washington March 11-14 participating in the "Get Acquainted" program for State supervisors, part of a group of 25. They were:

Roy D. Cassell of Maryland
Merle L. Howes and Margaret Mosher of
Massachusetts
Russell G. Mawby of Michigan
Ruth C. Weston of New Hampshire
Clara Ann Smith of New Jersey
F. N. Campbell of Wisconsin

All seven were enthusiastic about the orientation program.

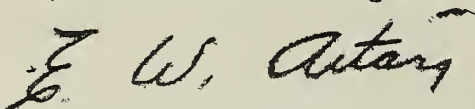
IN CLOSING, may we share with you a recent quote on JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, that is credited to Rev. Joseph Wittkofski, Rector, St. Mary's Church at Charleroi, Pa.:

"If we had canned a bushel of tomatoes and after a while we discovered some of our jars had spoiled, we would not blame the tomatoes but we would know we had failed some way in the process of canning. We find almost the same situation in the rearing of children. Like the tomatoes, which become spoiled, children are often blamed for failings which result from faulty training. There are practically no exceptions from this rule."

We are happy to be associated with you in a program directed to guide youth in positive ways.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Aiton, Director
4-H Club and YMW Programs

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. W. Aiton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and a stylized "A".

Associate Leaders:

John Banning
Tena Bishop
Mylo Downey
C. C. Lang
Lloyd Rutledge
Fern Shipley (Editor)

Enclosures.